

METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: April 2, 2007

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 5:38 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

ATTENDING MEMBERS

Dane Mahern, Chairman
Rozelle Boyd
Ron Gibson
Scott Keller
Lance Langsford
Jackie Nytes
Marilyn Pfisterer
Mike Speedy

ABSENT MEMBERS

Angela Mansfield

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 62, 2007 - reappoints K. Diane Guthrie to the Metropolitan Board of
Zoning Appeals, Board III
"Do Pass" Vote: 8-0

METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Metropolitan Development Committee of the City-County Council met on Monday, April 2, 2007. Chairman Dane Mahern called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Ron Gibson, Scott Keller, Lance Langsford, Jackie Nytes and Marilyn Pfisterer. Rozelle Boyd and Mike Speedy arrived shortly thereafter. Angela Mansfield was absent.

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Chairman Mahern stated that he does not normally like to schedule a meeting for just one item, but this appointment needs to be made so that the zoning appeals process is not slowed down due to lack of a quorum. He thanked Ms. Guthrie for her time and her service.

[Clerk's Note: Councillor Speedy arrived at 5:31 p.m.]

Ms. Guthrie said that she has enjoyed serving on the board and has learned a lot in the last three years. She added that she enjoys being a part of the planning for the City.

Councillor Pfisterer asked what kind of things Ms. Guthrie has learned and how they will help her prepare for her next term. Ms. Guthrie said that there are several laws about what is allowed on a resident's own personal property that she was not aware of before serving on this board. Now that she is more familiar with such restrictions, it will be easier for her to make informed decisions on cases in the future. Councillor Pfisterer stated that Ms. Guthrie's resumé states that she has been involved in the Butler Tarkington and Crown Hill Neighborhood Associations. Ms. Guthrie said that this is correct, and that she previously served as the treasurer for the Merchant's Association in Butler Tarkington. Councillor Pfisterer asked if Ms. Guthrie was involved in zoning issues in that role. Ms. Guthrie said that she was not.

[Clerk's Note: Councillor Boyd arrived at 5:36 p.m.]

Councillor Keller said that there has been concern from the neighborhood groups that what real estate developers want does not coincide with what the neighbors feel belongs in their neighborhood. He asked how heavily the neighbors' wishes are weighed in the decision making. Ms. Guthrie said that the neighborhood's concerns carry a lot of weight. She said that another thing that helps is that board members do not know how other board members are voting, so they are not swayed by another

member's vote. She added that when neighbors show up on a case, it means the issue is important to them and their concerns are given a significant amount of consideration.

Councillor Gibson thanked Ms. Guthrie for her service. He said that when a reappointment comes before the Council, it is customary to consider their previous attendance record and he asked Ms. Guthrie what her attendance has been during her time on the board. Ms. Guthrie said that in the three years she has served, she has maybe missed four times.

Councillor Nytes moved, seconded by Councillor Gibson, to send Proposal No. 62, 2007 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

Chairman Mahern thanked Ms. Guthrie for appearing before the committee and wished her success in her continued service. There being no further business, and upon motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dane Mahern, Chairman

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